Dear Howard,

8/2/75

Prepare yourself. I'm going to add to the enticement and broaden it. In the form of an update, though, really.

Here it is almost bedtime 8/2 and I haven't even finished reading the fairly short new close for PM based on the spectro-NAA-Memo Transfer stuff. I'm almost entirely out of the Ray work with that appeal now being prepared. (I'll probably read and suggest and I have annotated the decision. You'll be teaching it as a horrible example yet.)

There have been too many intrusions and interruptions that could not be ignored. One that will interest you most is another battle started with the Archives. I've gotten some significant admissions and I expect more and more documents. I've taken a new approach, after letting them make the kind of record that characterizes the past: I do everything as an FOIA request. Even classifications/declassifications. With my drop-of-the-hat rep for going to court and making charges it is working.

I've gotten some pretty good Oswald stuff. Nosenko stuff and a list of what is withheld. Promise of not Archives but CIA explanations of CIA's withholdings. (Do you for a minute think the CIA rushed in and said please let us do it for you?)

And these are the kinds of things I must do. Among other, which includes taking time to help students get a non-Lane lobbying effort going the right way. They come here - and they are welcome - but recently it has meant days longer than 20 hours. (There is now NSA interest and maybe a little help as a consequence of the last visit.)

We've also been having dangerous pollution levels and extremely high heat. If not I'd be even farthur behind. I feel the need to rebuild my muscles and wind. So, with the need to keep the place under control, I've been taking a pretty good walk in the morning, almost every morning. Not as far as we used to go but if you remember where the steep hill gets steepest, past the pink house on the rise on the right and up to where on the left to where they were building two large houses in the woods, to there. About 45 brisk minutes. Then back to work. Then at least one good siege with the walking power in the really rough ground. Some days two. Each followed by a rest while I stop sweating, maybe up to another 45 minutes during which, after I can wear glasses again, I read. That is when the slips get read/ But day before yesterday the pollution was so thick I couldn't see the town from anywhere despite a very bright sun! With that I decided to cool it. I didn't even go out to take a dip today and not only because it was 95°. It has been above 90 every day for a long time. The real reason was to clean things up so that in the early a.m. I can get back to reading what I've written for PM and noting what has to be added and where while doing some editing. I have one more letter to do tonight and I'll not have these kinds of things on my mind when I get up.

The camera-ready PM text to now is about 440 pages. The index will run about 20. I know I can print 660 pp and maybe 672. Do you realize what this means for an appendix to a book with this content? I'll want to ~~xxx~~ use the 1/22/ 64 transcript, the Memo of Transfer stuff and some spectro/NAA, some perhaps besides what I'm going to use in facsimile in the text. A good job on the appendix can do all we can hope for from the Church commitee where, confidentially, I may have something orivate working.

Allard Lowenstein and I have established a pretty good relationship. I expect him back in a couple of weeks. I can't say for sure how this will work with the end of your classes. That may also coincide with the NSA convention where if I knew I might be able to swing a speech by you. (If it happens I'd say repeat that you made at MW.) Next time Floyd calls I'll ask him to play the tape I hope he has to some of them and then maybe I'll be in touch. If they are not. I don't know the days but I know it is about 3 weeks hence. (I've said I don't want to participate but Floyd wants me there in case a fireman is needed. I've agreed to that only. But it will cut my time more.)

Think it over and let me hear. Best,